ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An audio/video control device for providing audio and/or video signals to a user. The audio/video control device includes a base unit and a portable unit. The base unit includes a housing having a recess extending therein and a first processor for controlling operation of the base unit. A first audio/video storage and reproduction device is positioned within the housing and controlled by the processor to store and reproduce audio and video signals. A device for connection with an external source of audio and video signals is also connected to the first processor. The processor is able to receive control commands for operating the device through a microphone. The portable unit is releasably connected within the recess of the base unit either jointly or separably. The portable unit includes a second processor and a connector for selectively connecting the second processor to the first processor. A touch screen display is connected to the second processor for displaying a menu of operation selections and providing manual control signals to the second processor for controlling operation of the device upon contact of one of the displayed menu operation selections. A device for reproducing and storing audio and video signals on a storage medium as well as a second audio/video storage and reproduction device positioned and a second device for connection with an external source of audio and video signals are connected to the second processor. A user is able to operate the device using either audible and manual control signals.